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This is the vessel referred to in my report of the 29th March last, on the burning of liquid fuel, which subject I was under the impression was still receiving consideration, and am therefore surprised to find that the Boilers have been fitted with a system of burning this fuel and the vessel sent to sea about 10 days ago without having been subjected to any trial.

From the short Experience we had of burning liquid fuel onboard the S.S. Himalaya, and its unsatisfactory results, I submit that a proper trial should have been made and provision taken, in case of accident or failures, to convert the furnaces into ordinary coal burning furnaces, and I further submit that this vessel's class should be withheld until a satisfactory trial has been made, and the owners informed accordingly.

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